

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

In the Matter of: *

FIRE ON BOARD THE *

U.S. PASSENGER VESSEL *

PORT IMPERIAL MANHATTAN *

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Friday,
December 8, 2000Transcription of New York City Fire Department
9-1-1 Telephone Conversations Related to the Port
Imperial Manhattan Fire.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MR. WEBBER: This is Supervising Fire Alarm Dispatcher Michael Webber of Fire Dispatch Operations. On December 8, 2000 making a cassette tape from Manhattan Master Tape number 410. Originally recorded on November 17, 2000 in the County of New York, City of New York, State of New York in conjunction with Citywide job number 0-94.

Please stand by for a series of messages.

Message number 1, a fire alarm received on Channel number 2. Message number 1 commences at 19 hours, 06 minutes, 28 seconds.

"Hello" Dispatcher 013. -- the fire?"

"We are in the Hudson River."

"What do you mean you are in the Hudson River, are you in a boat?"

"Yes, on a ferry boat, on the New York Waterways."

"Okay. On the river, where?"

"We were going from 38th Street Port to Port Imperial."

"What is happening there?"

"The boat is on fire. We need help fast."

"Okay. I am going to get you help. Give me the cellular phone you are using."

1 [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED]
3 "All right. We will send somebody on the way.
4 You are floating which way? Are you going up?"
5 "We are going from 38th Street in Manhattan
6 to Port Imperial. So, I guess that is kind of down, I
7 guess."
8 "All right. Hold on a second."
9 (Pause.)
10 "Right, hello"
11 (Pause.)
12 "Hello."
13 "Hello."
14 "Yeah, they see you. They have got you in
15 sight. Okay."
16 "Okay, we are really, I mean, it is getting
17 very bad onboard."
18 "They have got you in sight."
19 "Okay."
20 "Coast Guard is being notified. All right."
21 "Okay, well, I guess across from Chelsea
22 Piers."
23 "Yes."
24 "Okay."
25 "All right, I don't know if you want to hold

1 on or what you want to do."
2 "Hold on. The Coast Guard has been notified,
3 should I hold on?"
4 "Yes." Where --
5 "The people at 9-1-1 did."
6 "Good."
7 "Hold on a second, please."
8 "Yes."
9 (Pause.)
10 "We have got these boats almost over the
11 edge."
12 "Okay."
13 "Okay."
14 "Yes."
15 "Okay."
16 "I am sorry, I am just --"
17 "That is okay, that is all right."
18 "Where is the exact location?" They said
19 like West 38th Street, isn't it, Chelsea Pier, Channel
20 30, 28, in the Hudson River."
21 "All right."
22 "We are drifting south."
23 "You are going south?"
24 "We are drifting south."
25 "Yes, you drifting. They are drifting

1 south."

2 "They are."

3 "Hold on."

4 "There they are. There is the boat."

5 "Do you see it?"

6 "Yes, there is a big boat right there."

7 " -- this boat."

8 "Is that them? Is that the Coast Guard?

9 Would they be shining a light at us?"

10 "Oh, they are going to be help, there ought
11 to the -- Do you see them in sight?"

12 "Yes, I mean, it is really getting very big."

13 "I can't see from you are. I am in the fog,
14 so, I can't see nothing."

15 "Okay. So, what do you want me to tell you?"

16 "Just hold on. You can hold on."

17 "What?"

18 "Did you say the fire was getting larger?"

19 "Yes. It is very big."

20 "All right. Let me have you in sight. Hold
21 on."

22 (Pause.)

23 "Okay. The boat that was near us appears to
24 be turning, but I can't tell if it is turning toward us
25 or --"

1 "Is it the Coast Guard, Ma'am?"

2 "I don't know. All I can see a big bright
3 shining light."

4 "Okay. Hold on." I am on the other line,
5 hold on."

6 "Going south, but it may not be 38 --"

7 "Right. I have them on the phone, I don't
8 want to hang up."

9 (Pause.)

10 "Okay. Hello."

11 "Yes."

12 "Do you see anybody?"

13 "Oh, there is boat over there."

14 "All right. They see you, they have in sight.
15 You are near Chelsea Pier, right?"

16 "Right. I mean, it is really obvious, if you
17 are looking on the Hudson River --"

18 "Oh, they see the boat. They see the boat."

19 "Okay."

20 "It is just a matter of time getting to you,
21 okay." We have another boat. We a marine also."

22 "Okay."

23 "Just hold on, just hold on."

24 "It is just the smoke is really getting bad
25 and they are not doing very well with the --"

1 "Okay."
2 -- little boat to get us off of here."
3 "Okay."
4 "Oh, boy. We are going to die."
5 "Get the [REDACTED] over here."
6 "Why can't the boat just do it? They see us."
7 "They see you, they are trying. They are
8 trying. Do you see the Coast Guard, anybody with a
9 flashlight?
10 "I mean, they are, they are the big boat with
11 the big light, but I can't tell who it is."
12 "Oh, okay. All right."
13 "I mean, but now it is just going like it
14 doesn't really seem like it is coming toward us. Is it
15 just moving."
16 "All right."
17 "Like beside us."
18 "Okay. It could be somebody --"
19 "I mean, it is, you know, it is about, I mean
20 it is really getting big. Oh, here comes another one
21 to the other side of us."
22 "Is somebody there?"
23 "Another boat is coming toward us now."
24 "Okay. Just give them a chance to get
25 there."

1 "Okay. It is getting really foggy. It is
2 getting really bad. But, they are coming toward us
3 now."

4 "Yes, it is probably one, it is either the
5 Marines that we have --

6 (Pause.)

7 "Do you have them there?"

8 "Yes, they are coming toward us now."

9 "Okay."

10 "This other one is. But, that big one out
11 there is just kind of hanging out, watching us, smoke
12 to death. Oh, oh. I mean, you want us to stand on top
13 of somebody?"

14 "Hold on a second. Hold on a second."

15 (Pause.)

16 "Hello. Hello."

17 "There is a boat."

18 "Are you still heading south?"

19 "We are just kind of drifting."

20 "Drifting south."

21 "I am sorry, what?"

22 "Are you still drifting south?"

23 "Yes. So, there is a big boat besides us but
24 we don't, I mean, we don't know what it is. It is
25 red."

1 "All right. Just wait, just wait. Okay.
2 Give them a chance. It will be there."
3 "It is really smokey. I don't want to stand
4 on here."
5 (Pause.)
6 "Are you on the Spirit of New York boat?
7 "I am sorry, what?"
8 "Are you on the Spirit of New York bo
9 "Am I on the what?"
10 "Are you on the Spirit of New York boat?"
11 "No, I am on a New York Waterways boat."
12 "You are on a New York Waterways boat."
13 "Yeah."
14 "All right."
15 "They are on a New York Waterways boat."
16 (Pause.)
17 "Okay. So, now there is like a boat, a red
18 boat and now is there another boat and another one."
19 "Right, okay."
20 "And nobody is here, but they are all just
21 kind of twirling around the water."
22 (Pause.)
23 "Oh, there was an explosion."
24 "Hurry up, hurry up."
25 "Okay."

1 "Are they helping you? Hello? Hello? I
2 think they cut off. All right. I will try, attempt to
3 get it back on the 10-7."

4 "Do you have a number?"

5 "My Dispatch number 3 wants --"

6 MR. WEBBER: Message number one concludes at
7 19 hours, 14 minutes, 38 seconds.

8 Stand by for message number two.
9 Fire alarm received on Channel number 3. Message
10 number two commences at 19 hours, 07 minutes, 16
11 seconds.

12 "Dispatcher 433, what is the address of the
13 fire?"

14 "Hi, I am calling because my husband is the
15 New York Waterways Ferry from Manhattan to Lincoln
16 Harbor, and their ferry is on fire in the middle of the
17 water."

18 "And it is in, which, it is in the Lincoln
19 Harbor?"

20 "It is on its way to New Jersey. It was
21 coming from Mid Manhattan to New Jersey and it is now
22 in the middle of the water on fire."

23 "Okay. What is the telephone number you are
24 calling from?"

25 "I am calling from New Jersey. I was waiting

1 for him to come --

2 "All right, what is the telephone number you
3 are calling from in New Jersey?"

4 "Oh, [REDACTED], oh, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], oh,
5 [REDACTED], oh, [REDACTED]"

6 "Do you have the boat number?"

7 "No, I don't."

8 "It is a New York Waterways boat."

9 "Yes."

10 "And it is on its way to New Jersey, so it is
11 in the Harbor?"

12 "Yes, it is in the Harbor and it is very
13 close to Manhattan."

14 "All right. It is in which harbor?"

15 "It is Midtown, the New York Waterways Ferry
16 in Midtown."

17 "So, it is --"

18 "Like in the 30s or 40s, on the west side."

19 "All right. The fire department is on its
20 way. Do you know about how many people are on the
21 boat?"

22 "Seven people."

23 "All right."

24 "But, not including the crew, maybe another
25 three or four crew members."

1 "Fire department is on the way, four, three,
2 three."

3 "Thank you."

4 MR. WEBBER: Message number two concludes at
5 19 hours, 08 minutes, 28 seconds.

6 Stand by for message number three.

7 Fire alarm received on Channel number 3.
8 Message number three commences at 19 hours, 09 minutes,
9 39 seconds.

10 "Fire Department, Dispatcher 433, what is the
11 fire?"

12 "There is a fire on a boat, a New York
13 Waterway boat."

14 "Yes. Where is it located?"

15 "Huh?"

16 "Where is it located?"

17 "It is in front of Chelsea Piers, a passenger
18 boat. We need assistance right away."

19 "All right. Let's have the number you are
20 calling from."

21 "Excuse me?"

22 "What is the telephone number you are calling
23 from?"

24 "██████, ██████, ██████, ██████, ██████, ██████,
25 ██████, ██████, oh, ██████, area code."

1 "Two, oh, one, eight, three, eight, hello."

2 "Hello"

3 "Hello, hello."

4 "Two, oh, one, eight, three, eight, four,
5 seven, six, seven, fire department is on the way. We
6 are on the way, 433."

7 MR. WEBBER: Message number three concludes at
8 19 hours, 10 minutes, 15 seconds.

9 Stand by for message number four. Fire alarm
10 received on Channel number three.

11 Message number four commences at 19 hours, 11
12 minutes, 48 seconds.

13 "Fire Department, Dispatcher 433, what is the
14 location of the fire?"

15 "Yeah, hi, I am Hoboken, looking in the
16 Hudson River, there is a ferry boat on fire."

17 "Yes."

18 "Just south of Chelsea Piers. I don't know
19 if you know about it. There is --"

20 "West 23rd Street in the Hudson River."

21 "Yes, it is a ferry boat on fire. There is a
22 passenger boat by it. There is no fire boat or police
23 boat out there yet, though. It is just down from the
24 Chelsea Piers, by the driving range."

25 "Okay. Your telephone?"

1 "What is that?"

2 "Your telephone number, do you mind?"

3 "No, [REDACTED] oh, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], t[REDACTED],

4 [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. It looks like there is a tugboat or
5 something coming up along side it."

6 "All right, we are on the way." Four, three,
7 three."

8 "Thanks."

9 MR. WEBBER: Message number four concludes at
10 19 hours, 12 minutes, 29 seconds.

11 Standby for message number five. A phone
12 message received on Channel number 7.

13 Message number five commences at 19 hours, 13
14 minutes, 56 seconds.

15 "Fire Department, 280."

16 "208, hi, this is PD 2113. Confirms on a
17 boat, Chelsea Piers, Hudson River, West Monroe Street."

18 "Yes."

19 "Okay. You got the job already?"

20 "Yes, we are about 30 seconds from the boat,
21 the Marine Company is about to attempt to take people
22 off the boat."

23 "Okay. Thank you."

24 "Okay. Thank you. Bye."

25 MR. WEBBER: Message number five concludes at

1 19 hours, 14 minutes, 18 seconds.

2 Reproduction of phone conversations now
3 concluded. Supervising Dispatcher Michael Webber, Fire
4 Dispatch Operations.

5 Please insert cassette number two for
6 continuous radio messages.

7 (Whereupon, cassette two was inserted.)

8 MR. WEBBER: This is Supervising Fire Alarm
9 Dispatcher Michael Webber, Fire Dispatch Operations on
10 December 8, 2000, making a cassette tape from Manhattan
11 Master Tape number 410. Originally record on November
12 17, 2000 in the County of New York, City of New York,
13 State of New York in conjunction with Citywide Job
14 Number 0-94.

15 Please standby for transmission number six,
16 recorded on Channel 15. Continuous radio messages
17 commencing at 19 hours, 07 minutes, 30 seconds.

18 "Marine 1 in Manhattan."

19 "Marine 1."

20 "Yes, we have a ferry fire, we noticed some
21 quarters, it looks like it is off the Chelsea Pier,
22 about, it looks like a couple of hundred feet from the
23 Chelsea Pier."

24 "Ten, four, Marine 1, 763 Fox has just been
25 transmitted for the boat fire, okay."

1 (Pause.)
2 "Marine 1."
3 "Marine 1."
4 "You are in service and responding, correct?"
5 "Ten, four."
6 "Battalion 6 to Manhattan."
7 "Battalion 6."
8 "We ten nine quarters of latitude."
9 "Ten, four."
10 (Pause.)
11 "Battalion 2."
12 "Battalion 2."
13 "Battalion 2 be advised the police department
14 just called back. They originally gave us the address
15 of 93 Bedford Street."
16 "Yeah."
17 "The units are now at the scene of 18 Grove
18 Street, and that is the correct address, the smoke in
19 the building, 18 Grove Street, between Bedford and
20 Grove Court."
21 (Pause.)
22 "Battalion 2 receive."
23 (Pause.)
24 "Engine 3 to Manhattan --"
25 "Three engine."

1 "Do you have box --"
2 "Are you available, three?"
3 "Yes."
4 "Start out over in the direction of Chelsea
5 Piers, we have got a boat fire in the river there.
6 Stand by for the box."
7 "Ten, four."
8 "Engine 3."
9 "This is three."
10 "We are going to send yourself and 12 truck
11 over to Chelsea Pier. We are going to use Box 763."
12 "Ten, four."
13 "Seven, six, three, the telephone alarm for a
14 boat fire in the Hudson River, near the Chelsea Piers.
15 Seven, six, three, is a boat fire in the Hudson River
16 near the center of the Chelsea Piers." Calling
17 Battalion 9.
18 "Battalion 9 --"
19 "Engine 34."
20 "Do you want us to go to the Chelsea Pier
21 area, too?"
22 "Negative. You report into 38th Street and
23 the Hudson River and check out that location."
24 "Ten, four."
25 (Inaudible.)

1 "Battalion 9."

2 "Yes, about 763, the Marine Company has
3 confirmed a boat fire, and they tell us which way to
4 the tide is going."

5 "Battalion 9, be advised, we have the people
6 on the actual boat, which is on fire, on the phone.
7 They are heading south. They are heading towards, in a
8 downtown direction at this time. Originally they gave
9 us 38th Street and the Hudson River, that is why 763
10 was transmitted. Marine 1 came on the air and reported
11 a verbal for a boat fire near Chelsea Piers, so, we are
12 sending three and 12 to Chelsea Piers. We want 34 and
13 21 still to check out 38th Street and the Hudson River.
14 And your response is also is rescue 1 and tactical 1.
15 Battalion 9."

16 "Battalion 9, ten, four. Can we get a 10, 12
17 from Marine 1 when they 84 at the scene?"

18 "Ten, four."

19 "Marine 1."

20 "Marine 1."

21 "Ten, four with the box for the 9th
22 Battalion. Just be advised that the land units that we
23 have coming towards Chelsea Piers will be Engine 3 and
24 Ladder 12. We also have 34 and 21 still checking out
25 the 38th Street and the Hudson River, if it is up in

1 that direction."
2 "Ten, four."
3 "Battalion 12 to Manhattan."
4 Number 12 Battalion."
5 "Yeah, 12 Battalion is 10, 9 at 58 inches."
6 "Ten, four, 12."
7 "One, two to Manhattan."
8 "-- One, Two."
9 "We are in towards, we are at 19th Street on
10 the West side right now. We have a -- in Hudson River.
11 We are going to start --"
12 "Negative. 12 truck go to Chelsea Piers. 12
13 truck into Chelsea Piers. We are using the same box.
14 Ladder 12 received. Ladder 12."
15 "Manhattan --
16 "Manhattan, Ladder 12."
17 "One, two."
18 "Report into Chelsea Piers. We are using the
19 same box, 763, for you to respond to Chelsea Piers."
20 "Do you have a location at the pier case?"
21 "It is suppose to be in the river behind the
22 pier. It is a boat on fire."
23 "One, two, this is (inaudible)
24 "Battalion 9 to Manhattan."
25 "Battalion 4 to Manhattan."

1 "Battalion 4, 10/6, unless urgent. The 9th
2 Battalion, your message."

3 "Yeah, we are the Hudson River and 38th
4 Street. We have no activity here. I am going to
5 direct units down towards the Chelsea Pier."

6 "Ten, four."

7 "Engine 34, Ladder 21, Tactical Support 1,
8 and Rescue 1. All units respond to Chelsea Piers.
9 That should be about 19 Street and West Street.

10 Engine 34?

11 "Three, four, 10, 4, Ladder 21, also."

12 "Ten, four."

13 "Rescue 1?"

14 "Ten, four to Chelsea Pier."

15 "Ten, four."

16 "Tactical Support 1?"

17 "Tactical Support 1, ten, four."

18 "Telephone alarm box 1562 for the address,

19 139 West 135, between Lennox and Power Boulevard.

20 Smoke in the basement of a multiple dwelling. One,

21 five, six to telephone alarm, for address, between

22 Lennox and Power Boulevard, smoke in the basement of a
23 multiple dwelling."

24 "One, five, six, to a telephone alarm of the
25 address 139 West 135. Between Lennox and Power

1 Boulevard, smoke in the basement of a multiple
2 dwelling."

3 (Inaudible)

4 "Marine 1 to Manhattan."

5 "Marine 1."

6 "We are about 30 seconds from the Waterway
7 vessel which is on fire. It looks about 12 people
8 onboard. We are going to move them first."

9 "Ten, four. Marine 1, ten, four. Just be
10 advised we are also starting out Marine 6."

11 "Ten, four."

12 "Calling the 9th Battalion."

13 "Battalion 9."

14 "Battalion 9, 10, 6."

15 "Marine 1."

16 "Marine 1."

17 "Give me your exact, your proximity to land.
18 What is the nearest land mark for you, the Chelsea
19 Piers?"

20 (Inaudible)

21 "Ten, four. Calling the 9th Battalion."

22 "Battalion 9."

23 "Just be advised there are -- New York
24 Waterway vessel. We started out Marine 6 and added
25 Engine 54 to your assignment also."

1 "Marine 1-K."

2 "Marine 1-K."

3 "We started at Chelsea Pier."

4 "Ten, four."

5 "Battalion 9, received."

6 "Battalion 9, 10,4."

7 "Manhattan."

8 "Also Marine, Battalion 9, be advised, Marine
9 1 states there are approximately 12 passengers onboard
10 and they are attempting to evacuate them at this time."

11 "Battalion 9, he said he was on the north
12 side of the Chelsea Pier?"

13 "The west side of the Chelsea Pier. He
14 should be just right behind there in the water, okay."

15 "Ten, four."

16 "Unit calling Manhattan."

17 "-- Manhattan. The boat is opposite little
18 West 12 Street on 12th Avenue."

19 "Ten, four."

20 "-- Three, to Manhattan."

21 "-- Units calling Manhattan. Manhattan
22 responding to Marine Company 6, only. Marine 6, your
23 message."

24 "Marine 6 is responding, e.t.a. approximately
25 eight minutes. Does Marine 1 have any land units on

1 the boat?"

2 "No."

3 "Negative, not at this time."

4 "Okay. I will pick up a battalion and an
5 engine company with me at Chelsea Pier."

6 "Ten, four."

7 "Marine 1, are you calling Manhattan?"

8 "Ten, four." -- personnel -- the board of
9 the Manhattan, so far, they area all (inaudible)

10 "Ten, four." "Marine 1 also be advised,
11 Marine 6 is responding and he is going to pick up
12 members to assist."

13 "Calling the 9th Battalion."

14 Battalion 9."

15 "Marine 6 states they are going to go into
16 Chelsea Pier to pick up yourself and an engine company.
17 Do you want to designate one of the engine companies?"

18 "Engine 3 down at the Chelsea Pier. We could
19 stay at the Chelsea Pier now. Security is directing us
20 to the south end of the Chelsea Pier, down by the bus
21 terminal."

22 "Engine 3 to Manhattan."

23 "Engine company 3."

24 "Engine 3 south of Chelsea Pier, towards the
25 Sanitarian Pier."

1 "Ten, four."
2 "Marine 6."
3 "Marine 6."
4 "Are you able to go into just north of the
5 Sanitarian Pier, just south of Chelsea Pier to pick up
6 3 Engine and the 9th Battalion?"
7 "Right, we will pick them up."
8 "Ten, four."
9 "Engine 3 remain at that location for Marine
10 6."
11 "Engine 3, ten, four. We out at the end of
12 the pier where the boat is on fire."
13 "Ten, four."
14 "I have one, nine, one, six, four, fifty one,
15 Manhattan."
16 "Battalion 4."
17 "Battalion 4."
18 "Your message for Manhattan."
19 "Box 287, we are going to make it 10,41, 1."
20 "Ten, four one, freedom for the 41,1."
21 "Apparently there was some type of dispute
22 between the guy that was doing the roofing and the
23 (inaudible)"
24 "Ten, four." Do you have an apartment which
25 the fire was in?"

1 "The apartment number is 15, on the top
2 floor."
3 "Ten, four, thank you."
4 "Okay. "
5 "Battalion 2 to Manhattan."
6 "Battalion 2."
7 "Box 375, one and one, in the (inaudible)
8 checking it over, smoke, checking out possible
9 fireplace."
10 "Ten, four, and which address are you going
11 to with there?"
12 "Ten, six."
13 "Ten, four."
14 "Battalion 9."
15 "Battalion 9."
16 "Just be advised there is also assigned the
17 7th Battalion and Division 1."
18 "Battalion 9, ten, four."
19 "Battalion 7."
20 (Pause.)
21 "Division 1."
22 (Pause.)
23 "Battalion to Manhattan."
24 "Battalion 2."
25 "Yeah, we are going to go with 16 Grove."

1 "16 Grove, 10, 4."

2 "Three, Manhattan, Box 703 Terminal 3-7 for
3 the address 181 Madison Avenue, between East 33 and
4 East 34 Streets, an AFA valve alarm. Seven, oh, three,
5 Terminal 3-7 is a class three for the address 181
6 Madison Avenue. Between East 33 and 34 Streets an AFA
7 valve alarm."

8 "Engine 43 to Manhattan."

9 "Engine 43."

10 "Back to the box."

11 "Ten, four, back to the box at 1919 Four --"

12 "Ten, 18, and 1,5,6,2, operating 1, 5, 6, 2,
13 per 10, 27 for the chief of the 16 Battalion."

14 (Pause.)

15 "I have one, nine, one, four, five, one,
16 Manhattan."

17 (Pause.)

18 "Battalion 7 to Manhattan."

19 "Battalion 7."

20 "We have additional -- boat we have got and
21 the location of the fire --

22 "Battalion 7, you are responding is to chief
23 on 763 box. Report into the south side of Chelsea
24 Pier. We have a New York Waterway boat on fire.
25 Battalion 9 is at the scene." Battalion 7 received."

1 "Do we have a pier number?"
2 "Negative. Not at this time."
3 "Ten, four."
4 "It should be the Hudson River, west 23
5 Street, in the vicinity of Chelsea Piers. Engine 3 and
6 Battalion 9 are awaiting to board Marine Company 6.
7 Marine Company 1 has already evacuated the 12
8 passengers onboard the boat. And you will be
9 responding in as the second new chief. Battalion 7
10 received."
11 "Battalion 7, ten, four."
12 "Ten, four."
13 "AMSPD, generate an alarm in Manhattan Box
14 418. East number 2 Street and number 2 Avenue for a
15 (inaudible)"
16 "Four, one, eight, five, AMSPD generated
17 alarm. East 2nd Street and 2nd Avenue for an order
18 (inaudible)."
19 "Truck 9 to Manhattan."
20 "Nine truck."
21 "That box 418, we don't have anybody pinned.
22 Could you put a rush on the box, we have two casualties
23 down."
24 "Ten, four, we will update the EMS."
25 "Ten, four."

1 "Manhattan to Battalion 2."
2 (Pause.)
3 "Battalion 2 to Manhattan."
4 "Battalion 2."
5 "We are going to -- 10, 18 for a 10,30 at Box
6 375."
7 "Ten, four."
8 (Pause.)
9 "Manhattan to Battalion 2. Calling the second
10 battalion."
11 "Battalion 2."
12 "Are all units up from 375 --"
13 "Stand by."
14 "Telephone alarm in Manhattan box 1723. 712
15 West 175 between Broadway and Fort Washington Avenue,
16 smoke from the window in the lobby. One, seven, two,
17 three, a telephone alarm for the address 712 West 175
18 Street, between Broadway and Fort Washington Avenue,
19 smoke from the window in the lobby."
20 "Battalion 2 to Manhattan."
21 "Go ahead, Battalion 2."
22 "All units are in the process of ten, eight,
23 on the --
24 "Manhattan to Battalion 2."
25 "Battalion 2."

1 "What truck companies do you have there?"
2 "Everything is taken up right now."
3 "Ten, four."
4 "Attention: Squad 18, 24 Engine, the 2nd
5 Battalion. All units respond telephone alarm, 537 box,
6 Jane and Washington Street for a multiple dwelling.
7 Squad 18."
8 "Squad, ten, four. Thank you, Manhattan."
9 "Engine 24."
10 "Engine 24. What is that address again?"
11 "No address at this time."
12 "Battalion 2. Manhattan to the 2nd
13 Battalion."
14 "Battalion 2."
15 "Response five, three, seven, box Jane and
16 Washington Street for a multiple dwelling."
17 "Ten, four."
18 "You are going into 537 box, we are now
19 receiving the address, 61 Jane Street, that is 61 Jane
20 Street. Squad 18 received."
21 "61 Jane."
22 "Ten, four, 61 Jane Street."
23 "Ten, four, thank you."
24 "Ten, four."
25 Ladder 5. Manhattan to Ladder 5.:

1 "Calling the 2nd Battalion."
2 (Pause.)
3 "Calling the 2nd Battalion."
4 "Second Battalion."
5 "Be advised you are going to have three, two
6 on the second, Engine 14 will be your third due in
7 engine."
8 "Battalion 2, ten, four."
9 "Manhattan to Engine 24."
10 "Calling 5 truck, Ladder 5."
11 "Manhattan to Ladder Company 5."
12 "Ladder 5."
13 "Respond 537 box, for the address now 61 Jane
14 Street. It should be off of Washington Street. Ladder
15 5."
16 "Ladder 5, ten, four."
17 "Engine 3 to Manhattan."
18 "Units responding 573, this information is
19 available. -- is going into 573 box is available on
20 request."
21 "Division 3, okay."
22 "Ladder 4, okay."
23 "Ten, four."
24 "At one, nine, two, five, Dispatcher 451 in
25 Manhattan."

1 "Engine 9, Ladder 4."
2 " Battalion 8 to Manhattan."
3 "Battalion 8."
4 "(inaudible) to contact the alarm companies
5 to make sure that the alarm was set."
6 "Ten, six."
7 "One, nine, two, five."
8 "Four, fifty, one to Manhattan."
9 "Battalion 9 to Manhattan."
10 "Battalion 9."
11 "Okay. All we have, we are trying to -- the
12 boat, the boat is drifting into the 14th Street pier,
13 Marine 1 is in the process of trying to get a Coast
14 Guard line on the boat."
15 "Ten, four."
16 "Manhattan to the 9th Battalion."
17 "Battalion 9."
18 "As soon as you can, if you could approximate
19 size of this boat."
20 "Ten, six."
21 "Ten, four."
22 "One, nine, two, six, dispatcher 451."
23 (Pause.)
24 "Ten, 18, Box 418, 1018, 418 for 1036 Code 3,
25 Engine 33, 1927, 286."

1 "Manhattan Battalion 6."

2 "Battalion 6."

3 "Respond four alarm, 5393 University Place
4 and Waverley Place, reporting smoke in the area. You
5 have two and one respond at this time."

6 "Battalion 6, ten, four, ten, 12."

7 "Ten, four."

8 "5393 University and Waverley Place, smoke in
9 the area. 10, 12 for Battalion 6 for Box 393, 10, 12
10 Box 393 for Battalion 6."

11 "Battalion 16 to Manhattan."

12 "Battalion 16."

13 "We will be 10,9 at the corner of Engine 59."

14 "Ten, four. 1928 --

15 (Pause.)

16 "Manhattan --

17 "Engine 393, Box University Place and
18 Waverley Place for smoke in the area. Nine truck."

19 "Nine, oh, Nine, ten, four."

20 "Battalion 6 you will have two and two into
21 the box."

22 "Battalion 6, ten, four."

23 "Ten, four."

24 "Ten, eighteen, oh, one, seven, two, three
25 and 18, one, seven, two, three, at 1033 code one, that

1 is for the 13 Battalion. And that is Engine 59."
2 "Five, nine, okay."
3 "Yourself and -- still operating 1562?"
4 "Ten, four."
5 "Ten, four."
6 Ten, thirty, five, one, on 703 -- 1035 code
7 one."
8 "Where is Battalion 8."
9 At 1929 451 in Manhattan."
10 (Pause.)
11 "Battalion 4 to Manhattan."
12 "Battalion 4."
13 "Battalion 4 is 10,9 at quarter of divisions,
14 one latitude --
15 "Ten, four, Battalion 4."
16 "Five, nine, to Manhattan."
17 "Five, nine."
18 "Five, nine to three with 10 --
19 "Ten, four, 19:29 hours."
20 "Ladder 20 to Manhattan."
21 "Ladder 20."
22 "Ten, ten, seven, on 393."
23 "Stand by."
24 (Pause.)
25 "Ladder 2-0, 10, seven, for 393."

1 "Two, oh."
2 "One, 18, five, three, seven, one, 18, five,
3 three, seven, for 1033, Battalion 2."
4 "Nineteen, 32, 86."
5 "Battalion 9, Manhattan."
6 "Battalion 9, okay."
7 "The boat is a New York Waterways ferry. It
8 is about 16 feet. Marine 6 says (inaudible) we have
9 one line stretched, two lines stretched, one operation
10 and the fire is on the main deck."
11 "Ten, four, Battalion 9, 1931, 286."
12 (Pause.)
13 "Division 1."
14 "Division 1."
15 "-- at the box --
16 "They are the box of 19 32 --
17 Manhattan 57 verbal, 741 box. 499 7th
18 Avenue, between west 36 and 37 Street. That is for an
19 elevator emergency."
20 "Verbal 57 in Manhattan for the box 741.
21 Address 499 7th Avenue, between West 36 and 37 Street.
22 That is for an elevator emergency."
23 "Manhattan, Engine 26."
24 Engine 26."
25 "Be advised there is a -- called over there

1 for possible injuries inside the elevator."

2 "Ten, four."

3 "Squad 18, Manhattan."

4 "Squad 18."

5 "(inaudible) does it appear that we can be of
6 service --"

7 "There is no -- hands at this time."

8 "Ten, four, thank you."

9 "Ten, four. One, nine, three, three, four,
10 fifty one."

11 "Class 3, Manhattan Box 1034. 28 East 72
12 Street, between Park and Madison Avenues. That is in
13 four automatic alarm. One, oh, three, four, is an
14 unassigned class 3 for the address 28 East 72 Street,
15 between Park and Madison Avenues. It is an automatic
16 alarm."

17 (Pause.)

18 "At one, nine, three, three, Dispatcher 451
19 in Manhattan."

20 (Pause.)

21 "Four, four to Manhattan."

22 "Engine Company 44."

23 "We will be delayed two, one, oh, three, four
24 due to parked car in the road."

25 "Ten, four."

1 (Pause.)
2 "Calling Battalion 10."
3 "Battalion 10."
4 "Just be advised your engine into box 1034
5 will be delayed due to parked vehicles."
6 "Ten, four."
7 "One, nine, three, four, Dispatcher 451 in
8 Manhattan."
9 (Pause.)
10 "Eighteen box 393 and 18 box 393, for a 1033
11 code one, Ladder 20."
12 "At 1935, Dispatcher 451."
13 (Pause.)
14 "Battalion 6 to Manhattan."
15 "Battalion 6."
16 "We will be 10, 9 to quarters of Ladder 20."
17 "Ten, four."
18 "One, nine, three, six, Dispatcher 451 in
19 Manhattan."
20 (Pause.)
21 "Division 1 to Manhattan."
22 "Division 1."
23 "(inaudible)"
24 "Proceed, Division 1."
25 "We are in a 60 foot waterways ferry. At

1 this time we are using all hands. (Inaudible)
2 operating one line -- to get it under control. At
3 which point I am going to get a second hand line into
4 the boat (inaudible) final point."

5 "Ten, four. Division 1 be advised, though,
6 the first time the all hands was transmitted."

7 "Ten, four."

8 "And the all hands will be one, nine, three,
9 six, Alice."

10 "All companies going to work Manhattan box
11 763. That is on a ferry boat off the Chelsea Piers in
12 the Hudson River. That is all companies going to work
13 Manhattan box 763. New York Waterways ferry boat in
14 the Hudson River, off of 23rd Street, Chelsea Piers.
15 -- the first Division."

16 "Squad 18 to Manhattan."

17 "Squad 18 into the all hands 763 box."

18 "Thank you, Manhattan."

19 "Ten, four, be advised they are operating just
20 south of the Chelsea Piers."

21 "Ten, four."

22 "Calling the first Division."

23 (Pause.)

24 "Manhattan to Division 1."

25 "One, nine, three, seven, 451 in Manhattan."

1 (Pause.)
2 "Manhattan to Division 1."
3 "Division 1."
4 "Just be advised on the transmission of the
5 all hands, you will have Engine 6 tied to the four,
6 two, engine. You will have Ladder 4 as your fast truck.
7 That is repeating, Ladder Company 4 is your fast truck.
8 You will have Rack 1 and Squad 18."
9 "Ten, four."
10 (Pause.)
11 "Calling Ladder 4."
12 (Pause.)
13 "Manhattan to four truck."
14 "Ladder 4."
15 "You are going to respond into this ferry
16 fire as the fast truck."
17 "Ladder 4, ten, four."
18 "Ladder 24 to Manhattan."
19 "Ladder 24."
20 "Did you want us to try and respond to this
21 box. We had an elevator --
22 "Ten, four."
23 "(inaudible)"
24 "Ten, four. Also be advised the EMS was
25 notified to respond. Do you know how many injuries you

1 have?"

2 "I have just got confirmation that there is
3 nobody in the elevator. So, we don't need EMS."

4 "Ten, four."

5 (Pause.)

6 "19, 39, 451 in Manhattan."

7 "Class 3, Manhattan, six, five, one, terminal
8 11. It is for the address 44 East 27 Street, between
9 Madison Avenue and Park Avenue South on 80 T Class 3.
10 Six, five, one, terminal 11 is a Class 3 for the
11 address 44 East 27 Street, between Madison Avenue and
12 Park Avenue, south on 80 T Class 3."

13 "Manhattan, Engine 26."

14 "Calling 24 truck."

15 "Ladder 4."

16 "Negative. Looking for Ladder Company 24,
17 Ladder 24."

18 (Pause.)

19 "Manhattan Engine Company 26."

20 "Engine 26."

21 "Did you take up from 741?"

22 "That is where we are heading."

23 "Ten, four."

24 "Manhattan to Battalion 6."

25 "Battalion 6."

1 "Respond 741 box, 499 7th Avenue, between
2 West 36 and West 37 Streets. Ladder 24 request your
3 presence there. They have an elevator which -- we do
4 not have a specific amount for the distance in which
5 the case car fell. There are no injuries. And
6 response to 741 box."

7 "Ten, four."

8 "Ten, four."

9 "One, nine, four, one, Dispatcher 45.1"

10 (Pause.)

11 "Division 1 Manhattan. Division 1
12 Manhattan."

13 "Division 1."

14 "We want to report that Marine 6 was ordered
15 by the U.S. Coast Guard that (inaudible) was taken to
16 the -- in New Jersey side. (Inaudible) at this time."

17 "Division 1, your transmission broke up.
18 Please 10,5."

19 "Marine 6 was notified by the U.S. Coast
20 Guard that 12 passengers of the New York Waterways was
21 taken to the Weehawken, New Jersey, to the New Jersey
22 side, and EMS reports no injuries at this time."

23 "Ten, four. Division 1 is that in addition
24 to the 12 individuals which were removed by Marine
25 Company 1?"

1 "I believe those are to be the same
2 passengers. Marine 1 was, gave them over to the U.S.
3 Coast Guard, which in turn took them over to Weehawken
4 in New Jersey. And no injuries were reported by the
5 EMS."

6 "Ten, four. 19:43 is the time of the report,
7 Dispatcher 451 in Manhattan."

8 (Pause.)

9 "Engine 1 to Manhattan."

10 (Pause.)

11 "Engine Company 1 to Manhattan."

12 "Engine 1."

13 "Ten, thirty five, Code 2, about six, five,
14 one."

15 "Ten, four, in service."

16 "Ten, four."

17 "Ten, four, 1035, two, one, six, five, one at
18 1035, Code 2, six, five, one, all engines back in
19 service. One, nine, four, four, 451 in Manhattan."

20 (Pause.)

21 "Commander of the 10 Battalion ."

22 "Commander of 10."

23 "I see the unit is taken up to 1034 box. Do
24 you have a signal on that?"

25 "Ten, six."

1 "Ten, four."
2 "Land Engine 21."
3 "Engine 21."
4 "Return to your own quarters."
5 "Two, one, ten, four."
6 "I have one, nine, four, five, Dispatcher 451
7 in Manhattan."
8 (Pause.)
9 "(inaudible)
10 "One, oh, okay."
11 "(inaudible)
12 "Ten, four. Commander on Ladder 16."
13 (Pause.)
14 "Commander of Ladder 16."
15 (Pause.)

1 "Commander Engine Company 44."
2 "Engine 44."
3 "Do you have a signal on 1034 box?"
4 "-- 92."
5 "Ten, four. One, oh, received."
6 "Ten, four."
7 "Ten, nine, two, on box 1034 at 1082, 1034
8 box engine company 44. One, nine, four, six,
9 dispatcher 451."
10 "Ladder 4 to Manhattan."
11 "Ladder Company 4."
12 "Location is area for box --
13 "Ten, six. Commander, Division 1."
14 "Division 1."
15 "Ladder 4 is conferring if you have a staging
16 area, and if so, the location."
17 "Engine 7 to Manhattan."
18 "Engine 7."
19 "Engine 7, 8 and Engine 33 --
20 "Ten, four, Engine 7 acting three. Division 1
21 proceed."
22 "Division , the entrance to the field of West
23 Street --
24 "At the entrance of Chelsea Pier, correct? "
25 "Negative. Farther south."

1 "At approximately what street?"
2 "Fourth Street."
3 "Ten, four."
4 Calling 4 truck."
5 "Number 4. Was that 12th Street."
6 "Little west 12th Street. Ladder 4. That is
7 a little west 12th Street."
8 "Now, is that near 12th Street?"
9 (Pause.)
10 "Negative, Fort Brook, little west 12th
11 Street should be --
12 (Pause.)
13 "Division 1 to Manhattan."
14 "Calling 4 Truck."
15 "Ladder 4, we are going to be delayed. We
16 are on the west side of the highway and we are not
17 moving."
18 "Ten, four."
19 "Just be advised little west 12th Street
20 should just be just south of 13th Street."
21 "Division 1, Manhattan."
22 "Go ahead, Division 1."
23 "This is a progress report. Marine 6 at this
24 time has stopped their steam into the boat. The fire
25 is under control. We do now have a hand line in the

1 boat (inaudible)
2 "Ten, four. Fire under control at 19:48
3 hours."
4 "Engine 5 to Manhattan."
5 "Battalion 12 to Manhattan."
6 "All units to Manhattan, stand by unless
7 urgent."
8 (Pause.)
9 MR. WEBBER: Message number six concludes at
10 19 hours, 48 minutes, 44 seconds. Reproduction now
11 concluded. Supervising Dispatcher Michael Webber, Fire
12 Dispatch Operations.